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Casey, Roberts vie for deputy-reeve seat

Jenn Watt
Editor

As the six-month mark nears for the next municipal election, candidates for seats on Dysart et al council are starting to spring up.

On Thursday, current Ward 1 Councillor Andrea Roberts announced her intention to run for the deputy-reeve seat, challenging current Ward 2 Councillor Dennis Casey, who declared his interest in the spot earlier this year.

Roberts said she considered running for the position in the last municipal election, but decided against it because she and her husband owned a company in town that took up some of her time.

"Now that we have sold the business I can devote my time to being deputy reeve and the eight years I have already served on council has given me not only the experience but the desire to do even more for my community," she told the *Echo*.

Casey has served two terms as councillor for Ward 2 (not consecutively) and said deputy-reeve was the next step.

"I am qualified, I have the experience and I have a passion for my community," he said.

Roberts and Casey serve on the current council and expressed mutual respect for

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Taking it in

Dianne Loucks, left, stands with daughter Jennifer Ramsdale, who holds two-week-old daughter Eliza, while Winston, 4, and sister Lillian, 6, watch artist Sebastian Juneau's broad sword made from glass at the I Made It end-of-year student show at Fleming College on Thursday in Haliburton. More on page 4. **Darren Lum** Staff

Longtime business changes hands

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

For more than 50 years hardware supplies have been available on the corner of Maple Avenue and Highland Street and that tradition will continue to live on.

On May 1, 1964 Haliburton's Home Hardware was bought by Harry and Ken Langdon, a father and son duo, who eventually handed it over to Ken's son Ray.

The store began as Black's hardware,

before becoming Pro Hardware and eventually Home Hardware, said Ray Langdon.

At age 16, he began working in the family store, learning the ins and outs of hardware supplies.

Now 40 years later he is ready to retire, handing over the store to local businessman Jerry Walker.

The store will officially change hands at the end of May, but will continue to operate as a Home Hardware, said Walker.

"Haliburton needs a Home Hardware," he said. "Every town needs a Home Hard-

ware."

The business transaction has been in the works for some time, said Walker, former owner of Walker's Heating and Cooling, who officially retired from the business a year ago.

"I'm excited, it's something a little bit different," he said. "I've been off for a year, it was more like a sabbatical ... I'm too young to retire."

The local businessman will focus on

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On Friday April 11, between 1 to 2 p.m. a young female was walking near Haliburton's town docks when she was approached by a lone male who asked her if she wanted to go for a ride in his vehicle. She didn't go with him and left the area.

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the OPP are seeking the public's assistance. The suspect is described as a white male in his late 40s, early 50s, five-foot-10, medium build with short/medium brushed back hair, unshaven. He was wearing blue jeans, construction boots and a red plaid flannel jacket.

The suspect vehicle is described as an older style dark blue passenger minivan with tinted windows and rust on the majority of the front bumper. The licence plate on the vehicle was not obtained.

If you have information, contact Const. S. Pinatsis at the Haliburton Highlands Detachment at 705-286-1431.

The OPP is asking Haliburton County parents/guardians to remind their children to not accept any invitations from strangers and report any such incidents immediately.

Male arrested for impaired driving

On April 15, officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police were advised of a possible impaired driver in the village of Haliburton. OPP located the male driver and the 2003 GMC van on Highland Street. The male was arrested at the scene and transported to the detachment for breath tests. As a result of the investigation, a 52-year-old man from Algonquin Highlands was charged with impaired operation of a motor vehicle and operating a motor vehicle with over 80 milligrams. The accused is scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on June 4.

Male arrested at disturbance

On April 11, officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police were called to a disturbance at a residence in the Municipality of Dysart et al. OPP attended and were met by an intoxicated man party. Investigation revealed that the man was in breach of his release conditions and he was arrested and taken in to custody. A 25-year-old from Dysart et al was charged with fail to comply with recognizance – two counts and held for a bail hearing scheduled on April 14 in Lindsay.



Darren Lum Staff

The Highlands East fire hall in Gooderham (pictured with water lapping close to its doors) was evacuated when the road leading to its entrance was flooded by water from the spring runoff. Reeve Dave Burton said the few hours it took to move equipment and trucks is not a problem.

Fire hall evacuation nothing new

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

It's just another spring.

With the Irondale River flowing past its banks, the Highlands East fire hall in Gooderham was evacuated, as the road to the hall became overrun early last week.

Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton said this isn't a new thing. He said the fire department is still capable of doing its job and the temporary move of equipment and trucks is acceptable.

"We cannot afford to build something new. For two weeks if we have to put up with it ... we'll have to put up with it," he said. "As long as our people are safe and sound it's pretty simple."

Burton, who helped with the move, said it took close to

two hours to move four trucks and equipment to the former Glamorgan municipal garage (now owned by Highlands East) close to a kilometre away on higher ground.

He expects another week is left for the displacement of fire hall equipment. This municipally owned property, he said, is a possibility for a new location.

However, the reason the hall was never moved was its proximity to the mill just steps away. Every spring, Highlands East fire chief Bill Wingrove monitors the Irondale River. In the past 10 years, he said, the hall has been evacuated three times.

Last year was the only time during that period the hall was flooded.

Wingrove cited the Ministry of Natural Resources, who report peak flow of the river is 35 centimetres lower than year.

Volunteers needed to help save a species - one turtle at a time

With the coming of spring we see more and more wild-life on and near our roadways. As delightful as these encounters are, some of the animals we see on our roads are at enormous risk – risk from being hit and at risk from their habitat being divided, or "fragmented," by our roads. These risks are especially critical to our turtle populations. A number of local turtle species are classified as species at risk, meaning that they are in danger of dying out, unless we come to their aid.

The plan to save our turtles

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust is taking on an

ambitious project specifically designed to save turtles at risk. But the success of this project needs the engagement of our community. They need volunteers to monitor a number of carefully identified sites for turtle activity. Guided by data from their monitors they will create and implement a plan to keep turtles in at risk areas off our roads. This is the first project of its kind. Once developed, our plan has the potential to be rolled out across the province and beyond.

Become a volunteer

Volunteer monitors will receive training, equipment, and support. Then they will be sent into the field to monitor a site and record their observations. Along the way they may have the opportunity to get up close and personal with the remarkable creatures they are observing. They will offer training in late April in order to begin monitoring sites for all of May and June.

Contact the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust at admin@haliburtonlandtrust.ca, or 705-457-3700 to register. This project is funded by the Ministry of Natural Resources Species at Risk Stewardship Fund 2014-15. Our partners include U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research and Glenside Ecological Services Ltd.

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Largest show in Forest Fest history

➤ Line-up includes several award-winning musicians

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

A diva, an angel and a Canadian officer. These are just some of the ways to describe the depth of talent coming to the Highlands this August to take part in the annual Forest Festival.

Set to take place from Aug. 12 to 17, for the first time since its inception the music festival will feature nine performances in six days, said Forest Festival general manager Lesley English.

The line-up was officially announced on April 14, following some ambitious work on behalf of the seven-member advisory board, said English.

"We do expect a couple of shows to sell out," she said.

Now in its seventh season, the Forest Festival has become synonymous with raw musical talent set against the backdrop of breathtaking, natural environment.

"The added show is a non-musical Sunday afternoon program that is truly expanding our range of offerings," said English. "This is our most ambitious season to date and we're really excited about this year's playbill. As always we attempt to bring artists to the Highlands that for the most part haven't appeared here before. We try to remain as eclectic as possible and offer a wide variety of genres."

Some of the big names coming to the county this summer include an acoustic performance from Blue Rodeo's Jim Cuddy and Greg Keelor, a concert that sold more than 350 tickets in the first week of sales.

"This is a stripped down, intimate show," said the general manager.

Canadian singer/songwriter Bruce Cockburn will close out the festival with a performance at Bone Lake Amphitheatre on Sunday, Aug. 17.

With more than 30 albums to his name, Cockburn has a multitude of accolades on his resume, including 13 Juno awards, an induction in the Canadian Music Hall of Fame and in 1982 he was made a Member of the Order of Canada.

In 2002, that status was upgraded to Officer of the Order of Canada.

Apart from those concerts, music lovers have a wide offering to choose from, including international performers Cana-



dian Brass, operatic diva Measha Bruggersman, Montreal blues singer Angel Forrest, funky phenomenon The Shuffle Demons and jazz-fusion band Manteca.

Like last year, the festival will include a family show, with Magoo entertaining audience members both young and old.

The performer, teacher and entertainer will get the crowd on their feet with songs about school buses, dinosaurs and messy rooms.

The final day of the festival will include three events, starting with Magoo and ending with Cockburn.

In between, festival organizers are delving into new territory by bringing Barbara Budd's one woman speaking show to the stage.

A former CBC personality, Budd is bringing her Stratford festival show to the Highlands, complete with humour, honesty and celebrity impersonations.

"She will be entertaining us with her skills as a raconteur and humorist and it's going to be in a lovely intimate setting," said English.



Aside from expanding this year, the festival has also revamped its website, complete with event information, musician bios and more.

Tickets to all shows are available for purchase online at www.theforestfestival.com, or by calling the Haliburton Forest at 705-754-2198. Prices vary by show.

Above, singer/songwriter Bruce Cockburn will close out this year's Forest Festival, with a performance on Aug. 17 at Bone Lake Amphitheatre. With 31 albums under his belt, Cockburn has won 13 Juno awards, a Governor General's Performing Arts Award, an induction into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame and was made an Officer of the Order of Canada in 2002. Middle, Measha Bruggersman is an acclaimed Canadian singer who has a Juno award and Grammy nomination to her name. Bottom, the Forest Festival will kick-off this year with Canadian Brass taking to the stage on Aug. 12. The youthful and energetic group has toured internationally and will hit the stage at Bone Lake Amphitheatre.

Beauty of birds revealed in upcoming show



Dan Busby, photographer and bird expert, is showcasing his work like this red-winged blackbird, as part of his upcoming show Birds by Busby.

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

A local artist is singing the virtues of birds, revealing their beauty through an upcoming Haliburton exhibition at the Rails End Gallery.

Dan Busby, a photographer and ornithologist – bird scientist – for more than 30 years, is excited to provide the public an opportunity to delve deeper into his passion for birds through a collection of photos.

“The more I talk to people about birds and show them some interesting photos of birds the more they become interested,” he said. “Who knows why the fascination is held by a lot of people? I think it has something to do with if all is right with the birds out there all is right with the world.”

With Busby’s science background, he said birds are good indicators for the quality of environment.

He will be available at his show Birds by Busby opening reception from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 26.

The recently retired biologist with the Canadian Wildlife Service, Environment Canada, points out his love for photography and birds was the perfect marriage where his professional knowledge worked with his desire to better document and record birds with his camera.

“This is just an extension of having spent my

life working with birds and enjoying them,” he said.

The show is from April 26 to June 14 will have upwards of 25 pieces, ranging in size from 8 x 11 to 36 x 24.

Half the show will feature local birds from the Highlands and a “sampling” of birds he has photographed around the world such as the Amazon River area in Ecuador, Costa Rica and other areas in North America. With close-ups, some photos will enhance hard-to-see features.

Some of his prints, he said, will employ a unique process of printing on “metal.”

“It’s a whole new printing process where you print onto coated aluminum and it can really bring out interesting textures and colours in some of the birds,” he said.

Busby, who has grandchildren here, has lived in Haliburton and been a gallery member the past two years.

He and his wife first learned of the Highlands area when they lived in nearby Kawartha, after moving from Atlantic Canada for retirement several years ago.

Besides his ongoing passion for birding and photography, Busby is a naturalist.

He is a member of Bird Studies Canada and is a chairperson of the board of trustees for the Baillie Fund.

For more information about Busby see dan-busby.com.

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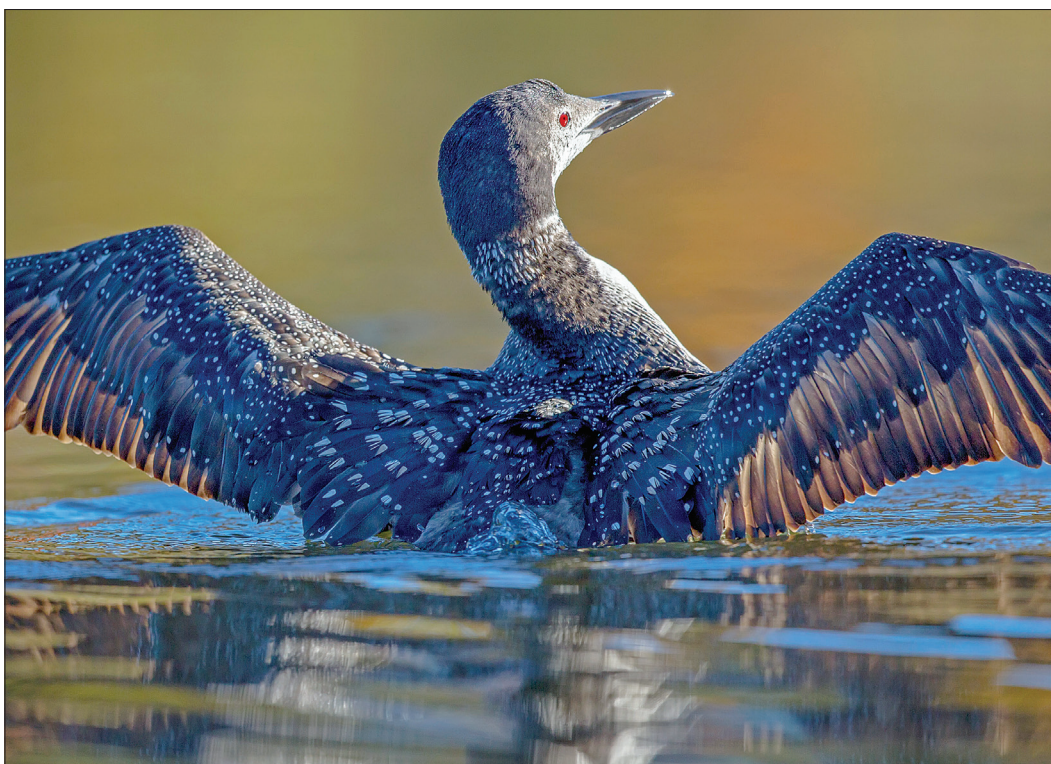
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Dan Busby, photographer and bird expert, is showcasing his work like this common loon on Head Lake, as part of his upcoming show Birds by Busby at the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton from April 26 to June 14. He will be part of the show’s kickoff event from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 26.



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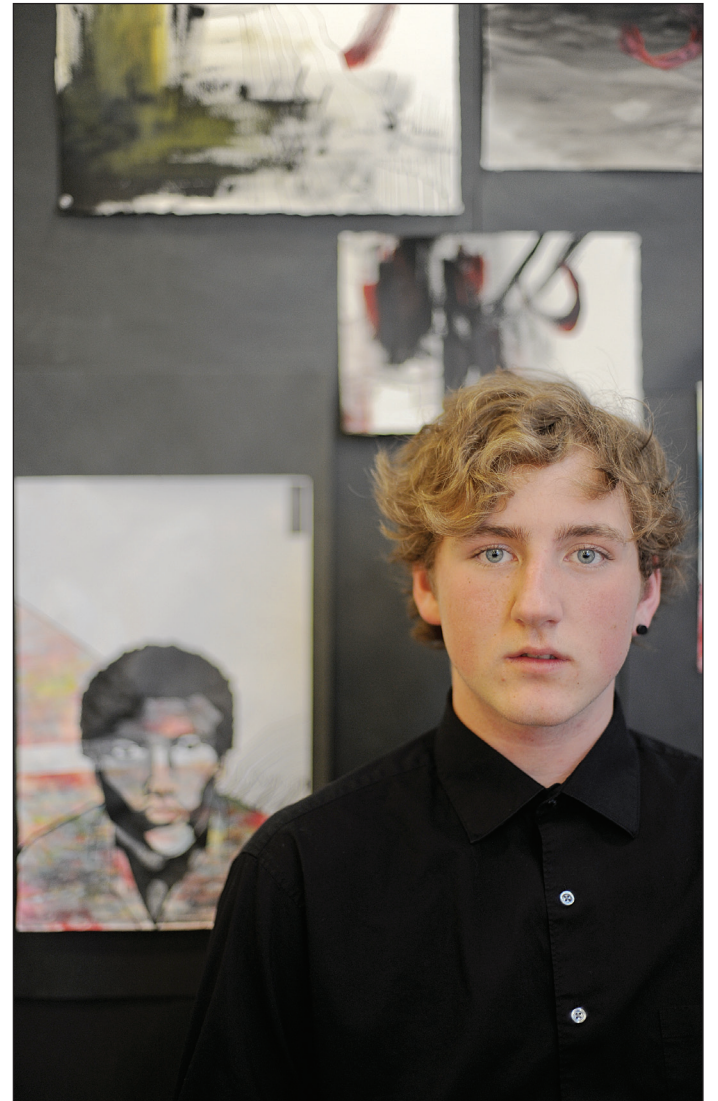
'I Made It' showcases student work

Above, Roanna Moon of Calgary works on another piece to add to her line of "Scriptoria" at the I Made It end of year student Fleming College Art Show on Thursday in Haliburton. Moon wants to give "new life" to unused books through her creations. She was one of 18 student artists, who showcased their work such as blown glass, jewelry, paintings and photography in the great hall.

Top right, Haliburton's Mackenzie Robinson sits in front of his acrylic and ink work.

Bottom, glassblower artist Alora Hebert, right, discusses her process.

**Photos by
Darren Lum**



Home Hardware owner plans to stay in Highlands

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maintaining good customer service at the store, which is important in a small, rural community, he said.

"Home Hardware is a great organization, a well-oiled machine," said Walker, adding it operates as a co-operative and not a franchise model. "For me it's new and exciting and it'll be fun. I'm going to be on the main street."

At 56, Langdon is looking forward to retirement and spending time on some of his favourite hobbies, including photography and motorcycles, as well as travelling.

Having spent the past 50 years living in the Highlands, Langdon has no plans to leave.

Born in Stratford, he moved to the county at age six, when his father and grandfather bought the hardware store.

"It's the best place to live," he said about Haliburton. "I'm a small town boy."

The owner will stay on at the store for the first few months after the sale.

"I'm going to miss it, that's for sure," he said.

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

iChurch

GROWING UP, Sunday mornings were spent in the pews of my evangelical church, singing hymns, attending Sunday school and listening to the sermon.

The church was, and still is, a mix of younger and senior members, blending traditional religious practices with fresh, new ideas.

I'll always remember a wave of change that started sweeping through the church during my teenage years.

As hymns were slowing beginning to trickle away, making room for new, upbeat and contemporary songs of worship, a battle between the congregation members began to brew.

While some insisted that hymns were the only songs that should be sung in a church, others believed it was important for the

church to evolve with time and reach out to a younger demographic.

One way to do this was to worship with upbeat music and live instruments, fading out the use of the organ and eventually, the choir.

In the end the church struck a compromise, incorporating both new and traditional songs into the services.

It was years later when I realized this battle was just one of many most churches are facing today, the bigger issue being staying relevant in, for the most part, a non-religious society.

So it was refreshing to sit down with Harry Morgan, minister of three churches within Haliburton County, and hear about how he is embracing technology within his church.

A few years ago Morgan (who really shies away from being called minister) had the idea of videotaping his sermons and posting them online.

Every week he sets up his camcorder at the back of the church, films his mes-

sages and then spends hours uploading them to YouTube, before posting them on Facebook or the church's own website.

The sermon podcasts serve many purposes, including reaching out to seasonal members of the church, those who are sick or unable to attend church regularly and those who don't attend at all but are curious.

Morgan believes that by using communication tools such as social media and video, the church is doing its due diligence in reaching out to the community.

And he's right.

Try and find a teenager or someone under the age of 30 who is not glued to his or her smartphone, constantly checking Facebook or scrolling through a Twitter feed.

This is how many people communicate these days and it's important for the church to not only realize that, but to use it to their advantage.

While some churches or religious leaders may find technology daunting or insignificant, studies show that more and more churches across the province are embracing it and using it to connect with its members.

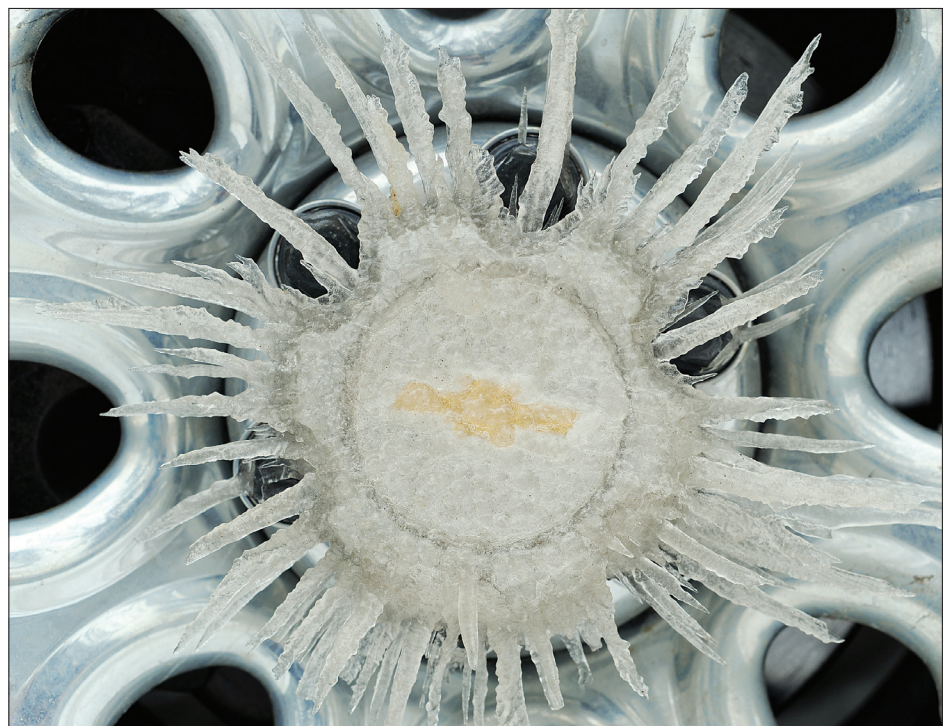
This change marks an important stride being taken by those trying to stay relevant in today's world, as attendance figures across many denominations are dropping.

During our interview Morgan told me my demographic was a tough one to crack. And while that is true, at least he is trying.

Because without new ideas and approaches, such as technology, church leaders will face a much greater challenge than deciding whether or not to sing hymns if there is no one left to sing at all.



Angelica Blenich
Reporter



spring wheels

photo by Darren Lum

Birds, birds, birds

THOSE OF US who have pets in our lives know how they enrich our lives. We carry their stories and adventures for many years after they are gone.

Sometimes we are surprised by how a pet can have such a strong presence in our life.

My friends are bird lovers. Their first bird, Indigo, came into their lives 11 years ago.

Indigo was a budgie and would happily chirp from the moment she got up. She was beautiful.

As our friends gathered to have coffee on most Saturday mornings, she would be in the background singing her little heart out.

Many mornings we would laugh about how loud she was and how much space she took up with her voice.

Sometimes she was out flying around and in her later life she could be seen lying down on the top of the clock in the kitchen. She needed to rest.

She had two cage mates in her 11 years. The first was a budgie named Emerald and the second named Kiwi.

We affectionately referred to Kiwi as "hunchy" because when he first moved in he seemed anxious and looked hunched over as he sat on his perch (only people who did yoga would notice that a bird hunched!).

I've never had a bird, but I noticed that when Kiwi moved in he seemed nervous and it took awhile for he and Indigo to figure out how to share the cage.

But they did and eventually Kiwi stopped hunching and looked

relaxed.

Indigo and Kiwi lived together for a number of years.

In the past couple of months it became obvious to us that Indigo was slowing down and growing weaker. Eventually she was only able to sit on the bottom of her cage and I observed the most beautiful relationship between these two birds.

As Indigo grew weak, Kiwi would eat his food, regurgitate it and feed it to her. It was beautiful to watch.

These birds have their own kind of intelligence, their own kind of caring for each other and their own relationship we humans will never understand.

After Indigo passed last week, Kiwi was hunching once again.

He didn't sing for a few days. I think he was mourning her death in his own way.

I feel so lucky to have friends who are so passionate about birds and bees and snakes and flowers and butterflies.

They pay attention to all of life and beauty that is around us. And it is inspiring.

If you are interested in birds at all, you will want to check out an upcoming show at the Rails End Gallery.

Birds by Busby, photographic images of birds from the Highlands and Beyond will be at the Rails End Gallery from April 16 to June 14.

The opening reception takes place on Saturday, April 26 from 2 to 4 p.m.



Lynda Shadbolt
Tales from The Great
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Be careful when you call

AS MOST OF YOU PROBABLY know, turkey season is right around the bend. Coincidentally, so too are many spouses of turkey hunters, having been driven there by the practice calling sessions that have become more commonplace in the last week or two.

The fact that our spouses aren't appreciative of our ability to sound like a love struck hen isn't something we turkey hunters are proud of.



Steve Galea
Loon Tales

I mean, who wants to admit that the person who promised for better or for worse considers your turkey calling outside of those vows?

Certainly not me.

The worst part is there's not even a plausible reason as to why.

And here's where communication breaks down entirely.

The other day, a friend of mine, in an effort to be sensitive, showed incredible bravery by asking his wife to verbalize how she was feeling after she rushed down-

stairs to witness his 5 a.m. practice. But, as she is apparently not very sensitive, nor a morning person, the only comment that can be put in print is the phrase "@#\$! unbelievable," which she repeated several times.

This, by the way, is a bit exaggerated if you ask me; my friend is a mediocre caller at best.

But that's entirely beside the point. He said her mood quickly changed - and not for the better either.

How can this be?

Almost everyone knows turkey calling is amongst the most romantic of all animal calling - believe it or not, perhaps even more so than moose or elk. So you'd think a woman who continually laments that the romance in her relationship is dead would appreciate a few bouts to start her day.

Not so, from what I gather.

A hen's cluck, after all, is essentially the delicate love song sung by a female of the species to virtually any male within earshot.

She's saying, in no uncertain terms, that she's finally desperate enough to breed with any suitor who gets there first.

Why the Hallmark card people have never taken advantage of this sentiment is beyond me.

Perhaps because there are few words other than jerky that rhyme with turkey and virtually no good words that rhyme with gobbler.

Or maybe it is because this makes the female turkey sound like a bit of a harlot. But I say before you judge the hen too harshly, remember the male turkey actually loses weight from breeding as many times as he can. So let's go easy on the double standards, shall we?

Getting back to the original problem at hand, which is trying to avoid the marital discord brought on by calling at inopportune moments - like at dinner and a movie, wedding receptions or during one of those "talks."

Here's what I've learned. First, there is a right time and place for practising with your turkey call. That time is when your partner is not there. That place is anywhere out of earshot.

Believe me, I know it's tempting to try when she is home - if only to test the boundaries of your undying love. But, again, I'll warn you this isn't a wise idea. The boundaries are much closer than you think.

Nor is it prudent to add a little levity to an already tense situation by greeting her after a calling session with something like, "Who says turkey calling doesn't work, huh? Hey, wanna breed?"

Do you know how hard it is for medical staff to extract a mouth call, at least from the end it went in?

The bottom line is that no good can ever come of practising turkey calling sequences in the house when your spouse is home. This isn't a perfect world.

In fact, the best you can hope for in almost every case, is if you do a lot of cooking, laundry and dishes and bring your spouse a hot coffee and croissant each morning in bed, you might get your call back sometime before the end of turkey season.

But that's only if it passes as quickly as the doctor says it might.



pic of the past

Eagle Lake School - 1949 - Teacher - Margaret Sisson. Back row - left to right, Jack Besse, Lockie Morrison, Edward (Eddie) LaPorte, Dale Simms, Doug McGuire, Don McGuire, Bev Barry, Reg Tripp Oswald Argalis, Walter Hobden, Murray Fry, Jack Fry, Arnold Flood, Jim Cooper, Sam McKinley, John Johnston, Jack Upton. Middle Row, Elaine Sutton, Eunice Newbatt, Joan Morrison, Beth Baldwin, June Trumbull, Phyllis Newbatt, Marjorie Hobden, Marilyn Sisson, Vera McColl, Doreen Hobden, Lois Upton, Mona McCauley, Jean Johnston. Front row, Betty Newbatt, Doreen Bess (Tiny the dog), Brenda Roberts, Barbara Pritchard, Barbara Barry, Doris McColl, Elaine Hewitt. Submitted by Glenda Locksley (Tripp).

letters to the editor

Where does the money go?

To the Editor,

There comes a time when you feel you have lived too long. I remember when Hydro in the early '70s was going door to door trying to talk people into putting in electric heat as a cheap, safe, alternative to oil. Two decades later they were paying you to get rid of electric heat and go for some other alternative. Certainly gives you cause for concern that anyone down there knows what they are doing. Especially when you consider the NIMBYs in Oakville and Mississauga, who need hydro but wanted the plant built in Sarnia instead of their own back yard, have put us on the hook for a billion or so. Frankly, this should be on their hydro bill not mine.

So sitting here looking at my hydro bill, which has hit \$1,800 a month the past four months and wondering where all the money is going, I decided to try an experiment. I have a cat house (yes, I said cat house) for strays to stay in during the winter. This is a whopping six feet by 12 feet. Yes folks, 72 square feet. It has

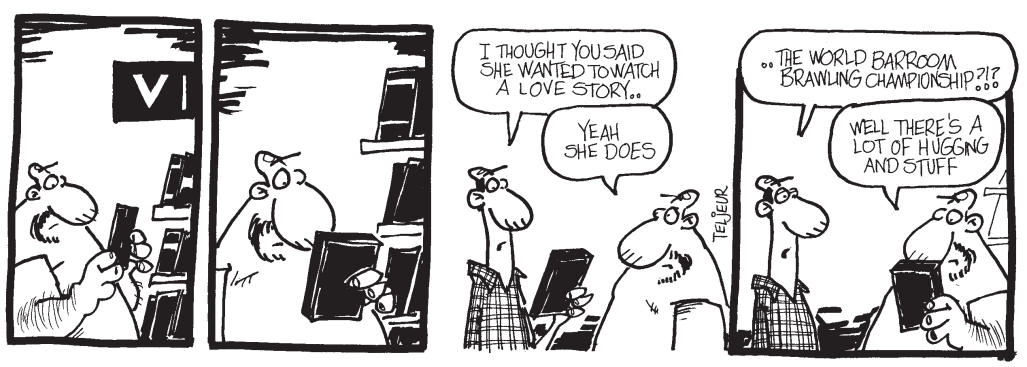
a six-foot ceiling divided into two stories (cats are not as tall as people). The floors, walls, and ceiling are fully insulated, it has finished interior surfaces and siding. The windows are low E thermal glass. The doors are insulated, and have double barrier seals to keep out the cold. The cat doors are sealed and insulated to keep the residents from holding them open. Heat is provided by one 1,000-watt Dimplex high efficiency baseboard heater, and the digital thermostat is set at 60°F. Light consists of three 7.5-watt LED lamps.

Now that you have wrapped your head around all that, consider for a moment I hooked it to a 200 amp hydro service with nothing else on it. I had a hydro bill for one month of \$131.22. I think this speaks for itself. People think I am nuts, but I think the folks at Hydro One are one up on me!

Keith W. Stata
Kinmount

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letters

Sense of security lost with new technology

To the Editor,

When I was a child of 12, I took my passbook to the bank to deposit my gifts of money and later on, cheques. A friendly teller completed the transactions without the aid of a calculator or technology, dating and initialing each line.

I understood exactly where I stood financially. Woe-betide the teller, if he or she was out so much as one penny at the end of the day. They were required to stay until their cash and books balanced perfectly. This meant recording each transaction by hand, knowing their customers and remembering every detail of the day. Politicians and civil servants would do well to make note of this efficiency.

It was a foolproof system of checks and balances. Accountability was the order of the day. There was no need of "transparency." It was there in black and white for me to see.

With the advent of the "electronic era" computers, cellphones, instant lightning-speed accessibility and viruses, the safeguards have been lost. Individuals have lost the security of knowing that their personal, private transactions and conversations have been kept just that: personal, private, confidential and safe. Not just

their transactions but also their lives.

The government has recently been informing us that they will no longer be issuing cheques. "They" will be depositing monies electronically. No rationale or justification has been forthcoming regarding this pronouncement. One might presume that this is yet another cost-cutting measure, but what is the cost of privacy and accountability?

With today's alarming headline re: "Heart Bleed" security breaches, which have, ostensibly, comprised millions of people, their tax returns, their accounts, transactions and business worldwide for at least the last two-and-a-half years. This decision by the government does not inspire confidence, nor does it assure or ensure security.

Julian Assange and Edward Snowden are just two known individuals who have recently and definitely demonstrated on many fronts just how vulnerable we all are, how invasive electronic hacking has become and indeed how very little personal privacy any of us has left.

Our lives have become transparent as opposed to the actions and accountability of those in power, who have been entrusted with safeguarding and protecting our hard-earned

rights, freedoms and civil liberties.

Checks and balances no longer appear to exist. Recent events, at all levels of government graphically illustrate how fiscally unaccountable and irresponsible many of those in power have become.

It is one thing for a private citizen to request or give consent for automatic deposits of government monies to be made into one's personal bank account. It is quite another matter to be informed or told that the government will be making automatic deposits and will be having access to one's personal private accounts, because the government will no longer be issuing cheques.

Who made this decision? When and where was it made? Was it brought up and debated in the House of Commons? Was this decision passed into law? When? When is this government decision to be implemented? How is it to be implemented? Why are we being informed of the government's decision on ATM screens which are operated by banking institutions? Are banks still independent businesses? What has happened to freedom of choice? Who is speaking up and challenging this decision on behalf of Canadians? This whole scenario feels decidedly

Orwellian – Big Brother is watching! Do we still live in a democracy?

Perhaps government officials, policy makers and civil servants need to be reminded that they are employed by us. It is our tax dollars that pay their salaries and fund every decision and program that they initiate and administer.

We are not insignificant pawns to be dictated to or marginalized in and by their decision-making processes.

Countless Canadians are already disadvantaged, disenfranchised, dissatisfied and poorly represented. Not everyone is "electronic." Not everyone has, uses, or is capable of using some, any or all of the current technology available. That gap widens daily. It is an enormous presumption by the government that all citizens have and use electronic or wireless technology.

How will the needs of non-electronic individuals be addressed and accommodated? Perhaps we should keep the cheques – an accountable paper trail – and maintain a semblance of checks and balances for all Canadians.

**Cheryl Cohoon
Wilberforce**

Beautify communities, don't contaminate them

To the Editor,

Unfortunately the billion dollar military budgets around the world make it difficult to fund projects that beautify communities rather than contaminate them. We can change that by asking our politicians to put more money into tourism and community businesses and to pursue diplomacy rather than war. Very few people in small communities can afford million dollar price tags. Until we put more pressure on politicians for com-

munity businesses to be supported on a much larger scale and take this money from our military budget, businesses that contaminate and contribute to war will continue to have the upper edge. Let's hope in Haliburton County that we can stay with our vision and make it work. The alternative of allowing industry in that contaminates our land is not a very good option.

**Darlene Buckingham
Tory Hill**

Council needs to look out for working people

To the Editor,

A tawdry tale has developed over the past while originating in the mysterious east of Haliburton County.

If one of the national dailies had locked on to the story, the lead would have been something like this.

"Municipal council in poorest county in Ontario nixes five to 15 well paying jobs after caving in to minority interest lakeside group." Dysart et al council appears to show it is not interested in jobs or local development.

Instead tourism is touted as the economic engine for the area yet the unemployed know most jobs in that segment are low paying and often seasonal.

In this election year, ratepayers will no

doubt question candidates as to their stand on job creation and support for new business in the municipality.

Local people will no doubt wonder how a small but vocal group in the Benoit Lake area could have their wishes accommodated contrary to the needs of all people in the area.

At the county level note is being taken of the possible population growth over the next few years. With the apparent current attitude of council, it appears Dysart will only snag retirees as newcomers, not those in the world of work.

The folks who turned thumbs down on Armatex have a lot to answer for.

**Michael Barnes
Haliburton**

Hard work or hardly working?

Gerald Irish

A Senior's Moment

The following is a description of a typical day in my rough life. Usually I am up and sharing coffee with my beautiful wife shortly after 9 a.m. This is followed by breakfast and then I take my precious, spoiled dogs for their walk in the park. Usually I see other people working and check to make sure they are doing their tasks properly or I try to figure out (without appearing too nosy) what they are doing.

While in the park, my dogs answer the call of nature and after they have made their deposits, I pick their droppings up using my fabulous pooper scooper.

The length of this tool and the jaws on the end make it wonderful for me. I don't even have to bend over to capture my prey.

Back home my next onerous task is to take away the household garbage which entails going down two floor on the elevator and then back up. Should

I meet someone during my travels might necessitate a visit just to catch up on the day's gossip.

I am usually back in our unit shortly after noon, having completed my day's work. Sometimes, I might even do some shopping in the p.m.

Is this hard work or is this hardly working? Have we as seniors not earned this way of life? We have paid our dues to society. We are the largest in number of volunteers in Canada and the largest in number of attendees to churches. We try to assist our fellow man.

We have done our hard work. We may be hardly working but the passing of time has made it that many of us can't work hard. But we are seniors.

Don't count us out. Just count us.



Will it ever melt?

Lisa Robertson sent in this photo of her view of Head Lake. The former Head Lake ice monitor said her guess for when the ice will be out this year is July 8. "Being the previous Head Lake Ice Watcher I don't recall such a year as this one," she writes.



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Minister of Haliburton United Church, Harry Morgan gets comfortable having the spotlight on him as he videotapes his sermon. Morgan began videotaping his messages to share through social media such as Facebook, to modernize his church and reach a wider audience. Morgan is not the only minister to do this as technology use in the church is on the rise throughout Ontario and North America.

“

I think it says you're interested in the ways people are communicating.

— Harry Morgan
on embracing social media

Local churches bring technology into the congregation

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Harry Morgan never dreamed he would be a minister, or a YouTube star.

And now he is both.

The minister who has three churches under his pastoral charge, those being Haliburton United, Lochlin United and Ingoldsby United, has been preaching from the pulpit for more than 20 years, however, his sermons are now being delivered in an untraditional way.

In an attempt to bring his congregation into the 21st century, Morgan began filming his weekly sermons and posting them on the Internet.

“Somebody in the congregation was asking me about videotaping sermons and somehow putting them online,” said Morgan.

The minister started with Dropbox, but found that process too complicated and time consuming.

So he turned to YouTube, where he uploads his weekly sermons, and then shares them through the Haliburton United Facebook page. The sermon podcasts are also available on the church's website.

“It's very accessible,” he said.

Apart from some technical glitches, the process has been fairly smooth and hassle free, and met with a positive, if slow response.

“It's kind of slow grow,” said Morgan. “In a given week, on average just over 20 people will look at it, sometimes it shoots up to 40.”

The minister believes of those who are viewing it half are members of the congregation and the rest are either summer residents, who attend the church, or non-members.

Morgan hasn't yet attempted other forms of social media, such as Twitter, as he is fairly new to using these forms of media.

Haliburton United Church is not the only example of an area church bringing new forms of media into the fold.

West Guilford Baptist Church, under the direction of pastor Brian Plouffe, has its own Facebook page, where social media users can view pictures of church events, interact with other congregants and find information about upcoming events.

With more than 120 likes, the church's Facebook page is updated weekly, providing an inexpensive and effective way of reaching out to members and potential church goers.

These area churches and pastors are just two of many opening up the avenues to new media, as studies show more and more churches across North America are interacting with technology.

In 2011 Tyndale University College and Seminary, located in Toronto, conducted a survey to see how

churches are adapting to technology and how its use is affecting them.

More than 360 churches throughout Ontario took part, with both rural and urban churches represented, showing that technology use is on the rise amongst many denominations.

The church congregations ranged from 20 members to more than 5,000, with many pastors lauding the benefits of technology outweighing the negatives, one being apprehensive church goers.

The survey found some of the ways churches are embracing technology include interactive sermons using Twitter to ask the pastors questions in real-time, connecting to sermons through a smartphone, using Skype to broadcast services to members overseas, utilizing Facebook for developing prayer ministry and embracing social media for youth and senior mentorship.

Other results showed that the reasons many churches are using technology are to enrich relationships and stay connected with members, evolve with the congregation and bring in new members, according to Tyndale University and Seminary.

Some of the issues with implementing technology are lack of budget, acceptance from members and insufficient knowledge, according to the survey.

A staggering 74 per cent of church goers read the Bible on an electronic device, such as an iPad or smartphone and more than half of the church leaders who responded to the survey do not discourage the use of technology at their church.

Yet there are still some members and leaders who refrain from using technology, for reasons such as it going against tradition, distracting from worship and limiting real connections.

For Morgan, incorporating technology into the ministry is about addressing some of the issues religion is facing these days.

He points to attendance patterns changing, with many members not able to be at every Sunday service.

“You have to adapt to that,” he said. “All the churches are in different stages of decline, as far as attendance is going,” he said. “[So it's about] how do you meet that challenge?”

Morgan is trying to meet that challenge by showing not just his congregation but the wider community as a whole that religion can and does evolve, and sometimes that means finding your pastor preaching on Facebook.

“I think it says you're interested in the ways people are communicating,” he said in regards to embracing technology. “In a way we're doing our due diligence. We're not just saying we're here and you should come to us. We're saying we're here and you should come to us, but also we're out here and over here. We're trying to connect with the community in some ways that they're used to getting information.”

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The road to Highland Wood

Eileen Parker: living life her own way

Jenn Watt
Editor

This is the first in a series of articles about the residents of Haliburton County's long-term care facilities. In these pieces, we will be asking the subjects about their unique journeys in life – the road to Highland Wood.

Eileen Parker has a zest for life you notice the moment you meet her. Instantly friendly, the 89-year-old delivers conversation like an experienced comedian.

"I thank God all the time for helping me and giving me a big mouth," laughs Parker, who sits on her single bed surrounded by paintings and black and white photographs of her daughters Lois and Nancy. (Her third daughter Maureen has taken her photo home with her. Parker resolves to get it back from her next time they visit.)

Maureen is part of local comedy duo Lo and Mo, Parker says – a career she would have been good at.

"I always felt I should have gone that way too [into comedy]. I was always too shy."

Parker doesn't give the impression she has ever been shy. In fact, she was once accused of being drunk at a wedding because she was having too much fun.

"I've never been a drinker. They



Eileen Parker spent her life living in Canada and the United States, working in Florida and living in B.C. before finding her way to Haliburton's Highland Wood long-term care facility. Jenn Watt Staff

used to call me the one-shot kid. I remember going to a wedding ... and somebody said to my sister, 'there's a girl here who is really drunk as a skunk' and my sister said, 'who?' And after a while they said, 'there she is in the green and white dress! She just climbed out the window onto the porch of the garage.' My sister said, 'that's my sister. She doesn't drink!'"

Parker grew up in Verdun, Que., near Montreal, and while she did well in her studies, she never finished high school, she says.

Her mother, a widow, had little money and a Grade 3 education. Parker stayed in high school to Grade 9 and then worked for CNR.

In 1946 she married Lawrence George Parker, a Second World War veteran, and together they

moved to the United States and found work at John Knox Village nursing home, where he was a purchasing agent and she was activities director.

"We went to live in the U.S. in the '50s and I lied on every job application and said I was a high school graduate 'cause they didn't know where Canada was, for God sakes," Parker says.

"I lied on every job application and I became activity director because they thought I was a high school graduate. But actually it [would be] null and void if they had known, but we passed our state inspection every year."

The 89-year-old has hearing aids, a bad hip and sometimes has trouble remembering exact dates of events of the past, but she laughs off any of her troubles, preferring to talk about religion, politics, or anything else exciting.

"I'm from a generation, I think, that still believes there is a God. People get so well educated and thinking too much. I don't think He's just a myth. I've had too many times in my life when I've called upon Him and He's answered big time," she says.

On politics, Parker is an advocate of the electoral process.

"People say, what can you do [when a politician is a crook]? Don't vote for them the next time. I don't have a solution for all the world's problems, just 99 per cent of them."

Parker doesn't remember exactly how long she's been at Highland Wood, but it suits her just fine.

There's lots to do, friendly staff and plenty of ways to keep busy. Her favourite pastime of all?

"Talking," she laughs, not missing a beat.

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GSA symposium advocates acceptance

Zach Cox
Staff reporter

Acceptance was the theme of the day at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Gay-Straight Alliance's art symposium on Thursday, April 17.

The symposium was organized by GSA president Bethany Little and vice-president Kathleen Tedford who received funding for the event through provincial Speak Up grants in place to give students the ability to voice their thoughts. The symposium featured artwork, face painting, a movie for kids, a paint-by-numbers mural activity and spoken word poetry by Ryan Dawson.

"The GSA is student run, they choose where to go," says Catherine Andress, the staff member associated with the club. Tedford said the goal of the GSA is to create positive space. "We work towards a safe place in general," she explains, "Everyone should be treated as equals." Tapping into her passion for art, Tedford planned the symposium to encourage such equality.

The symposium featured an art competi-

tion titled Blush, with the entered artwork depicting elements that make the artists blush. Attendees were encouraged to vote on their favourite work. Taylor Sands won the People's Choice award and received \$100 for art supplies as a prize. A three-judge panel has yet to announce the winner of the \$150 prize.

A piece of artwork involving attendees was also in progress at the event, with a large canvas featuring a paint-by-number rainbow ribbon. The completed mural will be displayed in the school to promote collaboration and acceptance.

Spoken word artist Ryan Dawson was the symposium's keynote speaker. On stage in the Northern Lights Performing Pavilion, Dawson performed a couple poems on loving life and who you are. He then facilitated a discussion on the meaning and importance of acceptance, lamenting that often when people find themselves they "try to squelch that away, to try and be someone that will be accepted." Instead, he encouraged everyone to "luxuriate in [their] quirkiness."



Zach Cox Staff

Top left, Ryan Dawson, who performed a couple of spoken word poems, discusses the meaning of acceptance with audience members at the GSA symposium last week at HHSS. Above, Isaac and Mathias Lee stretch to paint the upper portion of the paint-by-numbers mural.

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MP receives health-care meeting report

A report detailing local residents' input, concerns and ideas on the future of health care in Canada was presented to local MP Barry Devolin at his Lindsay office last week.

The report included the views on health care as presented by local residents at several consultation meetings held across the area including Haliburton.

"The federal government's agreement with the provinces regarding health funding expires this year, so we felt it was a good time to provide patients' views to the government moving forward," said Mike Perry, executive director of the City of Kawartha Lakes Family Health Team, which spearheaded the consultations. The consultations were co-hosted in partnership with other family health teams, including Haliburton's.

The major themes were the need to keep health-care public and funded; a request for some expanded health services including dental care, medication coverage, and seniors' care; and an acknowledgement that the health care system should also focus on healthy living, holistic wellness and preventing disease, which also saves costs.

"I am very interested to read the results," said Devolin, who also said the federal government continues to listen on ways forward in health care. Devolin said the findings should also be presented to MPP Laurie Scott, given that the provincial government has primary jurisdiction over health care.

The report of local residents' findings will also be presented to Scott, health-care critics from all political parties, and senior government officials of both the Canada and Ontario ministries of health.

Copies of the report are available online at www.cklfamilyhealthteam.com or by calling Danielle at 705-880-2020.

Submitted

Community commitment key, candidates say

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one another.

"Andrea and I sit beside each other at the council table and I enjoy working with her. Andrea will be an honourable opponent," said Casey.

Roberts said having to compete against a fellow councillor didn't deter her. She knew whether she ran for deputy-reeve or Ward 1 councillor, she would be up against an experienced politician. (Current Deputy-reeve Bill Davis has filed papers to run for the Ward 1 councillor spot.)

"I actually ruled that out of my decision making and simply asked myself if I felt I had something to offer my community, could I see myself in that job and was I ready for a long-term commitment to my community, and the answer was yes," said Roberts.

Casey said the hardest part about being on council is working with different, sometimes opposing, groups.

"Everyone feels that they are right and everyone else just doesn't get it. But for me, therein lies the challenge. It is difficult at times, but to get an issue mutually resolved is very satisfying," he said.

If elected in October, Casey said he'd like to put emphasis on the asset management plan, which covers municipal infrastructure such as roads and bridges.

"The plan looks at what we are doing to preserve and to replace these assets over the next 10 years. We do have an ongoing process now, but I would like to see more emphasis put on this initiative. I feel it is imperative to look as far into the future as we can to ensure the longevity of our assets," he said.

Casey also said he'd like more people to know about how idyllic Dysart et al is.

"I would like to work with a council that continues to be proactive in telling the world what we have to offer: good health services, a history of good management of our natural resources, an innovative business environment, a strong arts community, an able work force, and one of the most scenic environments," he said.

"Ensuring our financial stability without destroying what makes us all want to live here, is the challenge."

Robert said that her eight years in council have brought her closer to the community and allowed her to get involved in many facets of Dysart et al.

"The best part is that I have met so many interesting people since being on council; members of the public that are on our committees, volunteers who have helped on municipal events, and people who have contacted me with their concerns," she said.

The hardest part? "You just can't do all the things that people would like. We are limited at Dysart by our resources and so we need to make decisions based on what we feel is best. Sometimes those decisions are very difficult, but must be made."

If elected, Roberts said she'd like to see the municipality continue on the path it is already on.

"We have such a vibrant and active community for the

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I think we need to appreciate all the wonderful things that we do have.

— Deputy-reeve candidate Andrea Roberts

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I would like to work with a council that continues to be proactive in telling the world what we have to offer.

— Deputy-reeve candidate Dennis Casey

size of our population with many festivals, events and activities going on all year and the municipality needs to continue to support these through the cultural plan," she said.

Roberts noted that more small business needs to be cultivated to stimulate job growth and that more housing in Haliburton and the surrounding hamlets needed to be supported.

Like Casey, Roberts said the asset management plan was key to keeping Dysart on track into the future.

"When I tell people I live in Haliburton the response is always, 'you're so lucky,' and I say, 'I know.' There are challenges in living in a small rural community and we won't have all the services that larger centres have. I think we need to appreciate all the wonderful things that we do have," she said.

Casey said he is well-suited to the role of deputy-reeve because he has a history of being involved across the municipality, not just in his own ward.

"I have always been a 'hands on' person. I have to get involved and get into the trenches. As issues come to the council table I have always made a point of going out to the different wards to talk to people and see for myself the issue at hand. It may not be my ward, but I have to vote on it and possibly make comment on the issue so I like to be prepared. I have a good solid knowledge of the entire municipality," he said.

Roberts said over her last two terms on council she has demonstrated strong decision-making skills and the ability to take on a larger role.

"There will be many issues that get discussed during the campaign but the term is for four years. I feel I have the experience and leadership skills that can handle the issues as they arise. There will always be ideas, choices, controversy, challenges, and decisions to be made. I have been dedicated to my responsibilities on council and would look forward to the opportunity to serve as deputy-reeve," she said.

In Dysart et al, the entire voting population elects both the reeve and deputy-reeve positions, while ward councillors are chosen only by those within their ward's boundaries.

No candidate has yet declared his or her interest in the reeve seat.

There is one other disputed seat so far in Dysart et al: Bob Nichol has declared his intention to serve as Ward 1 councillor, running against Davis. Current sitting councillors Walt McKechnie and Susan Norcross have both filed papers to continue in the same roles, while David McKay is the only one running for the Ward 2 spot.

Candidates have until Sept. 11 to file nomination papers and election day is Oct. 27, 2014.

The Echo will feature more election coverage exploring all candidates' positions in future issues.

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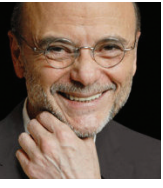
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Susanne James*
& Andy Mosher**
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Wenona Lake \$149,900

- Year round access, 3 bedroom cottage
- Nestled in the woods along Wenona Lake
- Deeded access steps away to beach front
- Call Drew for further details.

Drew Bishop 457-2128 x 23



Twelve Mile Lake \$409,000

- Yr round, 1300 s.f., 3 bdrm bright cottage
- Sand/rock shoreline facing east
- Newer kitchen, cathedral ceiling in L/R
- 3 lake chain with marina and gas

Dagmar Boettcher 489-9968



5 Lake Chain \$1,849,000

- CONFEDERATION 8" LOG HOME/1.2 acres
- 189' Sand Shoreline/Level Lot/Landscaped
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Janice Brookes 457-2128 x 22



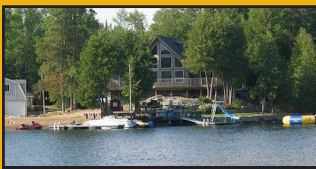
1122 FT Ftg Kennisis (Paddys Bay) \$479,000

- 1122 ft FT, 24 acres, level, treed
 - Naturalist Dream Property, sand beach
 - 3 bdrm, 2 bath, laundry, cathedral, Lg LR
 - Full basement W/O unfinished, Private
- Gloria Carnochan & Cindy Muenzel 754-1932



Benoir Lake Home/Cottage, 3 Lake Chain \$249,900

- 103 Ft Waterfront, 0.7 acre level lot
 - 2000 Sq Ft, 3 + 1 bdrms, 4 Pc Bath
 - Impressive Large FP, Garage/workshop
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Shadow Lake - This Property Has It All! \$729,900

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Beech Lake \$369,000

- 125 ft south facing - SUN, SUN, SUN
- 2 bdrm with full finished basement on large acre lot
- Room to build garage or workshop
- Flat lot with deck and 75 ft cedar topped dock

Lee Gauthier 489-9968



Minden In-Town Home \$154,900

- 2 BR home with single att'd garage
- Walk to downtown Minden
- Big back yard; nice neighbourhood
- Good opportunity for 1st time buyer

Ed Gibbons 286-2138 x 28



Jim Beef Lake \$59,000

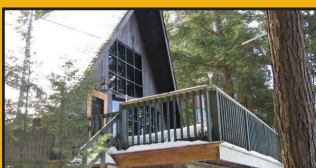
- Great building lot. West Exp.
- Just outside of Haliburton Village
- Just under 1/2 an acre
- Beautiful natural setting

Andrew Hodgson 286-2138 x 29



Long Lake \$279,900

- Nicely-kept 3BR cottage on 2-Lake chain
 - Bunkie with loft at waterfront
 - Nice clean shoreline, sunset exposure
 - Easy year-round Municipal road access
- Susanne James & Andy Mosher 457-2128 x 33



Kennisis Lake \$329,000

- Classic "A" frame cottage
- 110 foot frontage; private setting
- Western exposure & a big lake view
- Large bunkie and garage

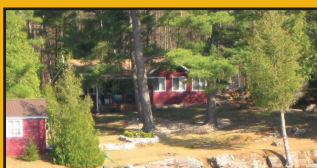
Valerie Kulla 286-2138



Fort Irwin \$219,000

- Residential and Commercial
- Nice location for home/business
- Septic 2003 & well drillers report
- Close to public beach-municipal road

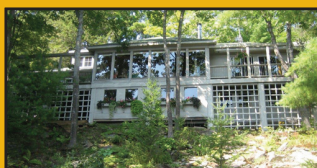
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Marvelous Moore Lake \$349,000

- Beautiful 2 bedroom home or cottage
- Bunkie for extra space
- West exposure & private lot
- Huge pines, granite waterfront

David Lee 286-2138 x 27



Stunning Big Lake View - \$439,000

- 3 BR seasonal cottage on 12 Mile Lake
- Beautiful wood interior; Large living areas
- Clean rocky shore; deep water off the dock
- 2 hours from GTA; Easily winterized.

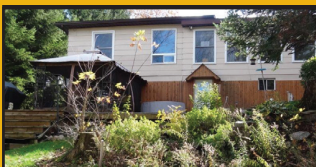
Gary Moffatt 457-2128 x 36



Pine Lake \$269,900

- 100' sandy frontage, flat level lot, gar, shed
- 2+ bdrm, sunroom, deck, main flr laundry
- Mins. to shopping, Sir Sam's, full block bsmt
- 3 lake chain, great fishing, swimming

Erin Nicholls 457-2128 x 34



Gull River \$254,900

- Well Maintained 4 Seasonal home/cottage
- Boat to Gull River
- 3 Bedrooms, full W/O Basement
- Single car garage, FAO & Woodstove

Karen Nimigon 457-2128 x 29



County Road 21 \$165,000

- Mins. to Minden conveniences, solid brick
- 2 bdrm; walk out bsmt; family room
- Sep. dining room; fireplace; hardwood floors
- Raised bungalow; dbl drive & lots of parking

Dawn Poissant 457-2128 x 31



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Margie Prestwich 457-2128 x 37



Great Starter Home \$116,900

- Located between Haliburton & Minden
- Many recent upgrades
- Bunkie, single carport, storage shed
- Public access to the 5 lake chain close by

Greg Stamp 457-2128 x 28



Home Sweet Home \$154,900

- Great starter or retirement home
- 2 bedrooms, main floor family room
- Oversized one car garage and shed
- Walk to all amenities in Haliburton

Kim Stamp 457-2128 x 24



Mountain Lake Cottage \$360,000

- 3 bedrooms; Privacy; Child friendly beach
- Upgrades - oak floors, pine board walls & ceiling
- New kitchen! New wrap around deck!
- Big lake view! Two Lake Chain!

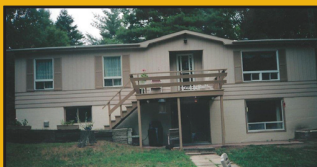
Elizabeth Thompson 457-2128 x 52



Minden Home \$140,000

- 2 Bedroom/1.5 Bath
- Open concept, new kitchen, laundry
- Recently updated, deck, baths etc.
- Walk-out basement

Melanie Vigrass 286-2138 x 32



Hunter Creek Rd Privacy \$179,000

- 2 bedrooms plus 2 baths
- Walkout basement to large yard
- 1.9 acres of privacy
- School bus by the front door

Tom Wilkinson 286-2138 x 25



Haliburton Village \$244,000

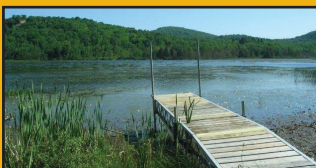
- 3 bdrm, 3 bath home, walk out to town
- Fully finished basement, 1/2 acre
- 2 additional bedrooms, office/den
- Second kitchen, laundry & rec room on lower level

Andrea Wilson 457-2128 x 25



Stormy Lake Point Lot Cottage/Home \$629,900

- 531 Ft Waterfront, 1.49 Acres
 - 2980 Sq Ft, 3 Bdrm, 1.5 Bath
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 - Multi Exp., Beach Level lot with Excellent Privacy
- Mark Dennys 457-2128 x 30



Lg. Waterfront Lot on Cranberry Lk. 99,999

- Nice level lot with great privacy
- 150' shoreline, 1.5 acres
- Driveway in, building area cleared
- Dock in place

Susanne James & Andy Mosher 457-2128



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Gull River Minden \$178,000

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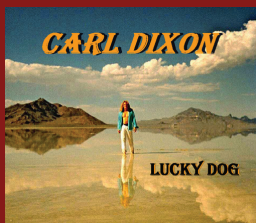
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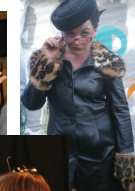
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Cardiff children tap into the arts

Nate Smelle
Staff reporter

Since it began in 2004 the Haliburton Highlands Arts Council's Artists in the Schools program has been teaching children to be more imaginative and creative individuals through embracing the arts.

Participating in the program are ceramic artists, puppeteers, actors, musicians, dancers, painters, sculptors, print-makers, percussionists, jewellers, storytellers, artist blacksmiths, glass blowers, and fabric artists. Over the last five weeks chief executive puppeteer and workshop facilitator for Puppeteria, Shelley King has been sharing her creativity and expertise with students and teachers at Cardiff Elementary School (CES).

"The puppets really bring the kids out of their shells," said King.

"Some of the children who are more shy than the others especially benefit from working with them. They also help children with autism interact with the other students better socially. It is magic watching their imaginations start to work when they pick up their puppets."

King has not only been teaching kids how to be more socially engaged with one another through the arts, she has also been showing the children how to make their own puppets. Constructing them out of materials donated by the arts council, the kids are encouraged to give each of their puppets its own name and personality.

"The puppets allow them the chance to speak their minds more freely," said King.

"The children really took to the program, connecting to each other on many different levels. It teaches them to communicate and express themselves, which builds social skills. This makes learning more effective and fun. We are starting to even see them used now with seniors coping with dementia."

The Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents has also been working with the program at CES. Point in Time offers a wide range of supports and services to children, youth and families throughout Haliburton County. These services include: family support, mental health services and youth justice. On Thursday, April 17 program manager for Point in Time, Dan Bajorek, presented the students with the school's very own full-sized puppet named Zach. Realizing how beneficial the puppets have been for the kids at CES, Point in Time donated the professional-quality puppet valued at nearly \$1,000.

"We are thrilled to be able to contribute to this program," said Bajorek.

"We go where the need is and we customize our approach to helping each individual child. It is amazing to see the difference the puppets made with the kids."

Vice-principal Barb Davies said the Artists in the Schools program improves learning opportunities for the students



Nate Smelle Staff

Program manager for Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents, Dan Bajorek, presents Cardiff Elementary School's vice-principal Barb Davies with the school's very own full-sized puppet named Zach on Thursday, April 17 at Cardiff Elementary School in Cardiff.

and the teachers. She said both the staff and the students really appreciate the skills, knowledge and techniques that the artists share with the school.


"Our local artists are so talented and professional," said Davies.

"They are the experts in the field of the arts. The artists address the arts curriculum for a variety of grades. They even have a unique way of integrating other subject areas into their art lessons. Students and teachers both learn from this program. Another benefit of the Artists in the Schools program is that it builds a great relationship between the school and the community."



Nate Smelle Staff

Grade 3 students Ricky, left, and Destiny and their puppets Jonathan and Mew give a performance.




Annual General Meeting


Point in Time
Centre for Children, Youth and Parents

invites you to attend our
Annual General Meeting
on Tuesday, June 10, 2014
at 7:00 p.m. at the
Haliburton Curling Club
730 Mountain Street, Haliburton

**Light refreshments will be served
at 6:30 p.m.**



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HALIBURTON COUNTY SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday May 5th, 2014

Minden Legion Branch 636
12847 Hwy 35, Minden

AGM will commence at 7:00pm.

Do you have a passion for snowmobiling? If so, come to the AGM to hear what the club is doing and what is planned for the coming season.

Do you wish to join a great group of volunteers who enjoy assisting with the many functions of a large club? Come out and become part of the HCSA in a big way or a small way to help the club make the trails within Haliburton County the most enjoyable to ride.

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A dinner meal for \$10 is available at the Legion at 6:00pm.
Please RSVP to 705-286-4541

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The new OPP billing model could take \$5 million out of the County of Haliburton – without any service increases – and could result in **tax increases of 20% – 36%** across each of our four municipalities.

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HALIBURTON COUNTY'S INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER
The Highlander

Haliburton County Echo

Sports

Hawks named Wolverines

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

When Kyle Lavergne, Sage Christiano, Mac Rider and Devon Bangay went for a two-day tryout to earn a roster spot with the junior varsity Peterborough Wolverines football team they didn't know what to expect.

They went and found what they were made of and discovered they have game, making the team after a battery of physical tests and football skill drills.

"It was a relief and it pushed me to work hard," Lavergne said. "When I made it I was just super-relieved and then I set a new goal to be a starter."

Lavergne, who has practised with the Wolverines starters, believes he has made the starting lineup and is ready for his next challenge. At first he was practising at defensive back, but was eventually switched to his high school position at wide receiver. He didn't care though as long as he made the team.

Bangay remembers being in awe at

the tryouts, seeing the many strong players who knew the drills and the routine.

Close to three weeks before the tryouts, Christiano said he was in the weight room every day and added a cardio component to give him the best shot to make the team.

The defensive lineman for the Red Hawks also felt relief, but for a different reason since he was switched to the offensive line, forcing him to learn a new position.

These guys have been only playing for the past two years, far less than many of the Peterborough based players who start at Grade 8.

Ironically, the Fenelon Falls Secondary School quarterback who they beat for the Kawartha championship is now their teammate with the Wolverines.

Lavergne appreciates how playing this early in the year will pay dividends when they all make the transition to their first senior year with the Red Hawks.

"I think it'll give us a head start," he said, referring to conditioning and

skills.

The eight game season begins with one exhibition game in May while playoffs start at the beginning of August. There are three practices a week.

Last year the junior varsity team was undefeated 8-0.

With a loss in the provincial championships to Burlington, the Wolverines coaching staff has reminded the newest recruits about this history.

It's a point not lost on Lavergne, Christiano and Bangay, who don't want to be the cause for any losses.

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Municipality of Dysart et al

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

Council will be considering a By-law to Impose Fees and Charges for the Provision of Communal Sewage Services at their meeting on Monday, April 28, 2014.

Effective January 1, 2014 rates will be increasing as follows:

- from \$4,586 to \$4,700 for Connection fee,
- from \$546 to \$557 per ERU (Equivalent Residential Unit),
- from \$27.48 to \$28.03 per 1000 gallons for Metered Rates.

The proposed By-law is available on the Municipality's website at www.dysartetel.ca for review.

Cheryl Coulson, Clerk



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the *Planning Act* and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held **Monday, May 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-063/13
Applicant: 636100 ONTARIO LIMITED
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 25, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Dysart
Nature of the Application: Right-of-way
2. File No. H-064/13
Applicant: Doreen MCCORMICK, Charles MATHIES & Brenda MATHIES-MCCORMICK
Location of the Property: Pt. Lots 6 & 7, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Dudley
Nature of the Application: New Lot
3. File No. H-013/14 & H-014/14
Applicant: Eva CRESSWELL & THE ESTATE OF GINA SALVATORI
Location of the Property: Pt. Lots 6 to 10, Concession 5 & 6, Geographic Township of Harburn
Nature of the Application: 2 New Lots
4. File No. H-015/14
Applicant: Eva CRESSWELL & THE ESTATE OF GINA SALVATORI
Location of the Property: Pt. Lots 3 to 5, Concession 5 & 6, Geographic Township of Harburn
Nature of the Application: New Lot

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office *by appointment* during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 22nd day of April, 2014

Michele Moore
Secretary-Treasurer
Haliburton County Land Division Committee
11 Newcastle Street
P. O. Box 399
Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0
Telephone: (705) 286-1333
or 1-866-886-8815, Ext. 248
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If you own a red pine plantation and would like to join our package, call Peter Hynard at the number below. Your plantation must be red pine, at least 30 years old, 10 acres in size and in good condition to qualify.

Red pine plantations on good sites are ready for thinning at about age 30. Normally, one row in four is removed to allow for equipment access and trees are marked selectively for removal within the remaining rows. Thinning in this way requires specialized equipment.

You will be paid for the wood on a tonnage basis. Prices will be negotiated individually, as tree size and operational difficulties vary. In good plantations, normally about one-third of the stand is removed in the first thinning and revenues are in the \$200+/acre range. Second thinnings in older plantations do not normally require any further row removals and are marked selectively.

There will be costs to you as well. The site inspection and silvicultural prescription will cost each owner about \$200. Tree marking runs about \$30/acre. These costs can be paid when the wood is cut.

Properties of this size whose plantations are thinned properly are eligible under the *Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program*. Ask for more information about the MFTIP program when you call.

Peter Hynard, Registered Professional Forester
Minden, Ontario
Telephone: 705-286-1071

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Hawks send two to COSSA

Judi Paul
Special to the Echo

The senior Red Hawks badminton team had a good day at the Kawartha championship tournament. Erin Little and Connor Marsden finished in sixth place in ladies' doubles. Advancing to the COSSA championships are Tanner Hamilton and Curtis Ballantyne who finished second in men's doubles.

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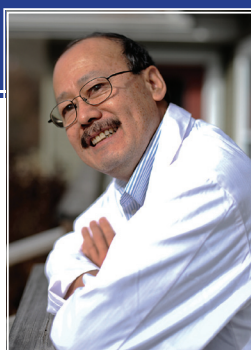
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Darren Lum Staff

The Red Hawks junior football players Kyle Laverne, left, Sage Christiano and Devon Bangay are the newest additions to the junior varsity Peterborough Wolverines. The trio are excited for the opportunity to improve their football skills and be part of a successful program. Absent for the photo is Mac Rider, who also made the rep team.

Playing opportunity depended on the group to make it work

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The junior varsity team was the Ramsay Conference 2013 Champions.

Although none of them know for sure if they will start it doesn't matter since evaluations are ongoing.

"You have to give 110 per cent every practice and every game. You got to take it seriously," Bangay said.

The idea to play rep football came from Laverne, who had been asking around and searching the Internet for opportunities to play this summer.

With an aspiration to play football in university, he wanted to raise his game and knew more experience was a step toward that dream.

One sticking point, his parents told him, was he couldn't do it alone.

Laverne said to share the driving he would need oth-

ers from the area to make the team.

The group came together, who all share a love for football and respect for each other.

They pointed out their success is owed to their parents, who have committed to helping when possible such as taking time off of work and completing the three hour round-trip drive to Peterborough three times a week not including games.

"If it wasn't for them we wouldn't be getting there because none of us can drive [with a full G licence]," Bangay said. "We think it's hard on us because we're missing three nights a week ... they commit just as much time as we do."

Note: Mac Rider did not offer his perspective, as he was absent for the interview.

Semi-final loss dashes JDHES Jaguars Kawartha championship title shot

Blake Paton
Special to the Echo

The J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School Jaguars senior boys' basketball team travelled to I.E. Weldon in Lindsay on April 16 to play in the Kawartha championships. The team was the top seed from the north division.

The opener against Leslie Frost P.S. turned out to be a tight game. A basket in the final minute by Kyle Cooper was enough for the boys to come away with a 19-17 victory.

A tight defensive battle developed in their second game against Rolling Hills Public School, the top seed

from the southern division. The Jaguars managed to shut down the powerful Rolling Hills offence, but some unlucky turnovers led to a narrow loss by a score of 14-13.

In their final round-robin match the boys easily dominated Woodville P.S. 24-6 and earned themselves a berth in the semi-finals.

Their semi-final match against Lindsay's Central Senior P.S. was an entertaining one.

The perennial favourites from Lindsay played a tight defensive game, and the Jaguars lost key battles under the boards.

The play was close, but the score did not reflect the action with the Jags taking a 23-11 loss.

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Time to think of spring craft sale

West Guilford

Eleanor Cooper

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Nancy Brink has assured us that it's not too soon to begin thinking of the spring craft and bake sale held at the West Guilford Community Centre on June 7. If you would like to reserve a vendor's table give Nancy a call at 754-2516. Nancy was busy at Bill's store on Saturday raising money for SIRCH's Hike for Hospice to be run at noon on April 27 at the Haliburton high school.

By the time this goes to print, Easter will be over with all the special meals, family get-togethers and church functions. Our Anglican Church will have heard Bill's choir sing Handel's Hallelujah chorus and the half hour of special, very moving choral music that precedes the Good Friday service will have been sung.

Now it's up to you to fill me in on what happened in your house, where you went or your family's travels.

Easter service at St. Peter's Anglican Church, Maple Lake, was under the direction of the Rev. Margaret Milne, who also played the organ at the service as well as being preacher for the occasion.

Euchre last Tuesday showed the following scores: high – Shirley MacDowell and Ron Bain; low – Debbie Bain and Peter Laplante; most lone hands – Bev Kerr and Gerald Hadley.

Maple Fest draws hundreds in Wilberforce

Wilberforce

Hilda Clark

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For many people Easter is the most joyous celebration of the whole year with attendance at their churches throughout Holy Week and especially on Easter Sunday being the highlight. Several from St. Margaret's church joined with the St. George's Haliburton congregation for the Maundy Thursday service there following a delicious supper together. Then a special group from Bill Gliddon's choir at St. George's came to St. Margaret's on Easter Sunday to present a very special anthem, Handel's Hallelujah Chorus. All who were able joined in. How splendid, how joyous on Easter morning!

Easter is also very much associated with spring awakening and it finally has. It is also a special time for family gatherings and many of them took place for folks in this area.

And many families, as they have over the years, chose to celebrate the season at Maple Fest. Several hundred came this year to enjoy Riley's golden maple syrup on pancakes

and sausages at the LWMC, our community hall last Saturday. They stayed to shop at vendors' tables. It has become a favourite place on Easter Saturday for visiting. Always a good place to welcome back residents who have returned from a time in warmer climes. Thanks to Kathy Rogers and her helpers for all their work organizing and carrying out this event.

Some people took the opportunity on Saturday to have a first peek inside the new library, which is expected to officially open later this spring. This new addition to the village will benefit from the Loop Troupe's production this coming weekend. Funds raised at Not Just Desserts will be donated for special furnishings for that building.

Do plan to enjoy an evening with pantomimes, special music and dessert all for only \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids. That's Friday and Saturday April 25 and 26. Show time is 7:30 p.m. Enjoy yourself cheering or hissing your local politicians who have so bravely agreed to participate.

On Thursday evening this week the Wilberforce Curling Club will have their annual awards night and dinner at the Wilberforce Legion.

'SPARC'ling youth spirit

Zach Cox

Staff reporter

In 2007, the Conjurors presented *The Last of the Great White Pine*, wherein the spirits of the pines told their story through spoken word poetry.

In 2014, the spirits have returned, and an adaptation, *The Spirit of the Great White Pine*, will be premiering at the Bark Lake Leadership Centre on Saturday, April 26, as a portion of the Symposium for the Performing Arts in Rural Communities. The multimedia production will feature music, spoken word poetry, and youth dancers.

The production was developed as a collaboration between three parties: playwright Michael Fay who wrote the initial production and its poem, musician Bethany Houghton who adapted six stanzas of the spoken word poem into song, and Julie Barban of Heritage Ballet who choreographed a dance for eight of her students.

Together, the three pieces will tell the story of the great white pines.

The creation of the 20-minute *The Spirit of the Great White Pine* has taken approximately nine months and Fay is excited by the new angle his original story has taken.

"To me, what's important about this premiere is that it shows how creative our performers are and how unique they can be," he says.

Houghton echoed the sentiment, saying she would like for the audience "to get a good sense of this area as a whole. Not just in a historical sense, but what we're capable of in the arts."

The performance has a strong environmental message

and seeks to make the audience question how humans and nature should coexist.

Houghton said the environmental message is delivered in the past tense, showing how non-environmentally conscious actions have consequences.

Fay said "the audience will come to understand where they are and what was here. I hope their socks get knocked off."

As a component of SPARC, the production is an opportunity to showcase to attendees how performing arts in rural communities can be facilitated.

The interdisciplinary component of the production is one aspect, and youth involvement is another.

The fact that the cast of eight dancers is comprised of youth who are students at the Heritage Ballet studio is a highlight of the performance.

Lily Manning, Jaiden Mueller, Abigail Kauffeldt, Mikaela Kauffeldt, Claire Karaguesian, Rebecca Hamilton, Christine Bishop and Jordyn Brown will take to the stage for *The Spirit of the Great White Pine* on April 26.

The inclusion of youth and an inter-generational stance are central to SPARC's message, and the symposium has a youth caucus component.

The goal of the youth caucus is to ensure the voices of youth in the rural performing arts scene – performers, creators, directors, technicians, presenters and producers – are taken into consideration.

Fay is proud of Haliburton County's continued support of youth in the performing arts.

"This area is an incredible producer of young talent that really prizes and wants to promote it," he says.



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To our family and friends for the cards, best wishes and attending a wonderful celebration, thank you to all.

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~ Ken & Wanda Evens

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from Flo Taylor

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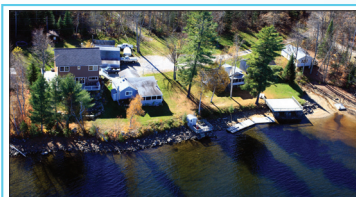
SPECTACULAR POST & BEAM \$1,479,000
5 Lake Chain. 5100sf. Warmth of wood interior w/stone fireplaces. Dry boathouse with 2 bedroom bunkie overlooking the waves. Gorgeous lot w/big west view.



KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE \$1,395,000
Magnificent custom built cottage. 3 season guest quarters. 3+ ac w/privacy. 1/2 hr from Hwy 117. Trails, sauna, garages, 1000sf dock system & more!



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Growler Lake Hideaway. Trails thru/out, private bunkie on a pond, Open concept log home with wraparound covered porch. Dbl garage.



HALIBURTON LAKE \$996,000
14.3 ac family retreat/rental property. Large 2 stry home plus 5 cabins. 540' sand shoreline. Very unique!



DRAG LAKE \$975,000
8 Ac & 189' lakefront. Beautiful N/W view. Unique style. Dbl insulated garage with full loft. Custom design & finishings.



GUILFORD LAKE \$899,000
Premium 5BR cottage or home with 3870 of living space. 1.94 ac lot, 244' clean rugged shoreline. Two stone fireplaces.



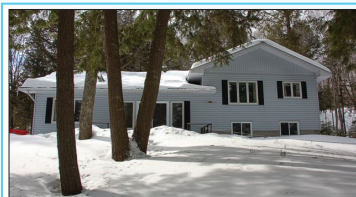
SOYERS LAKE \$588,000
Quiet Bay off Soyers Lake. Year round home or cottage. Level landscaped lot. 1 acre with 250' frontage. 2700sf, double garage, loft.



PRIVATE PARADISE \$538,900
3BR backsplit cottage, totally private on Moose Lake. Level lot, sand shoreline, 242' frontage. Immaculate. Near Sir Sam's.



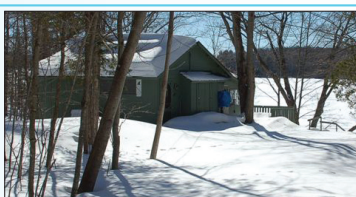
LITTLE BOSHKUNG LAKE \$439,000
1.5 storey cottage/home. Sunny gentle slope lot. 104' sand shoreline. Open cathedral concept. New wraparound deck & railing. Garage.



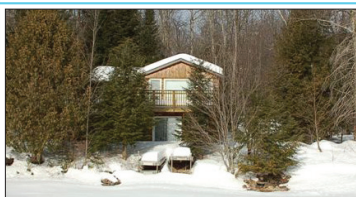
BURDOCK LAKE \$378,800
3BR home or cottage with 875' frtg. Pretty treed landscaped lot on peaceful lake. Double garage, basement w/recroom.



WENONA LAKE \$358,000
1000 Feet of Shoreline & 5.7 Acres. 3BR Cottage. 1 Room Cabin. Privacy. Beautiful rare property.



LAKE KASHAG \$356,000
3 season 2BR on pretty lot w/clean sand & rock shoreline. Cute 2BR Bunkie. South exposure.



HALIBURTON LAKE \$329,000
3BR cottage on pretty treed lot with big lake view. LR w/woodstove. Block foundation. 4 season potential!



DRAG LAKE \$325,000
Traditional 3BR-3 season cottage. Good 1 ac lot, beautiful view. Sand/rock shoreline. Great opportunity for this lake!



GREEN LAKE \$299,000
Yr rnd cottage or home on water's edge, sand beach. Good privacy. Full w/o basement. 3 Lake Chain.



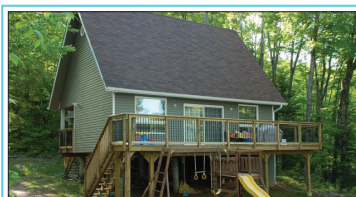
DRAG LAKE 4 SEASON \$289,000
Drag Lake A-Frame to use year round. West exposure, level lot. Cozy LR w/peak ceilings & woodstove. Walkout to large deck. MBR loft & balcony.



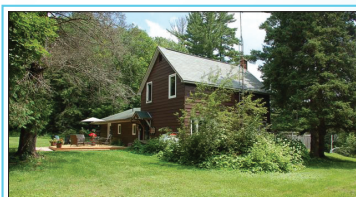
HALIBURTON LAKE \$265,000
Traditional 4BR cottage on water's edge. Superb view, sunsets with N/W exposure. Dry boathouse, large deck, great value! Year round road.



WEST GUILFORD HOME \$248,500
Great potential with Commercial Zoning. 2.33 acre lot & 496 ft frtg. 2BR home, att garage. Across from sand beach on Green Lake.



TROOPER LAKE \$228,500
Open concept. Walkout to large deck. Lovely pine/drywall Interior. Great Bunkie. 4 season access & insulated.



WIGAMOG ROAD HOME \$229,000
Charming 2 stry home on 1.8 ac lot. Park-like setting. Patio, deck, inground pool. Great family home.



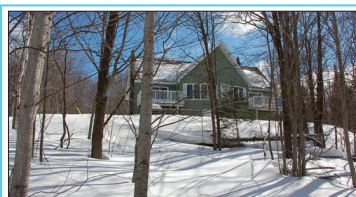
CLEMENT LAKE \$225,000
Very neat yr md home or cottage. Pretty lot & view. Small spring fed lake in Wilverforce. Single garage. Great value!



LAKEVIEW STREET \$209,000
Haliburton village location. Private lot & neighbourhood. Spacious 4BR, covered porch, dr.well & septic.



COUNTY ROAD 21 HOME \$194,500
Great location, close to Haliburton. Backsplit with brick fp & cathedral ceilings. Att dbl carport, sunny level lot.



EAST OF HALIBURTON \$178,000
Large family home on 3 acres. Spacious living area, full w/o basement. Recent upgrades. Lots of character!



SALERNO DEEDED ACCESS \$129,000
Private 4 season backlot cottage. Very neat and well maintained. 2BR/3pc shower. Fully winterized. Drilled well/septic. Awesome Getaway!



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